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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending and stand rejected and are therefore at issue. No new matter is added by this Amendment.

The Amended Claims Are Allowable Over the Cited Art**1. Section 102 rejections.**

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-10 as anticipated by Lakritz (U.S. Patent No. 6,623,529 B1). Applicants have amended Claim 1 and respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicant's amended Claim 1 recites: "A language module (i) which is attachable to an appliance, (ii) which is configured to communicate directly with the appliance when so attached without the use of a network which extends outside the appliance, and (iii) which is configured to perform language-specific tasks by: receiving an instruction for language-specific processing from the appliance; and sending resulting data of the language-specific processing to the appliance."

Unlike Applicant, the modules of Lakritz are not configured to communicate with an appliance in any manner other than through a network---that of the World Wide Web. Thus, Claim 1 is allowable over Lakritz. Claims 2-10 either directly or indirectly recite language similar to that quoted above and are therefore allowable over Lakritz for at least the reasons given above.

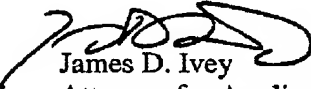
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Conclusion

Claims 1-10 are now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next action is other than for allowance of Claims 1-10 or if the Examiner has any questions or comments with respect to the above identified case, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 336-1100.

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